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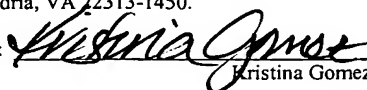
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
REMOTELY UPGRADING A HEARING AID
DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, group I, claims 1-17, 19-23 and 25-28 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement because these claims have already been examined by the Examiner in previous Office Actions of December 5, 2003, May 21, 2004, January 12, 2005 and the Advisory Action of April 11, 2005. No claims have been added since the filing of the present application, therefore, a Restriction Requirement at this point in the prosecution of this application is untimely and, therefore, improper.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. AUD1P009).

Respectfully submitted,
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